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SUBJECT: BATES CASE

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QUOTE BEIRUT 6760

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1. IN VISIT BEIRUT JUNE 8, HEAD USINT CARDILLI ADVISED
THAT BATES TRIAL HEARING POSTPONED JUNE 7 TO
JULY 26 AS RESULT ABSENCE PRESIDENT OF TRIBUNAL WHO
PREVENTED FROM ATTENDING DUE DEATH HIS WIFE' S
MOTHER. CARDILLI STATED THAT COURT INTENDED POSTPONE
NEXT HEARING UNTIL AUGUST BUT BASED ON BITAR' S RE-
QUEST AGREED TO JULY 26. FACT SUMMER COURT CANENDAR
NOT YET FIXED MIGHT POSSIBLY DELAY JULY DATE..
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2. BITAR SAW JONATHAN JUNE 3 AND FOUND HIM " IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION AND MORAL SPIRIT." BATES' WRITTEN DEFENSE HAD, HOWEVER, BEEN CONFISCATED BY PRISON AUTHORITIES. AT JUNE 7 COURT SESSION (OTHER OFFICIALS OF COURT PRESENT ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT DID NOT SHOW UP), COURT OFFICIAL ASKED FOR VERIFICATION FROM PRISON AUTHORITY THAT PRISON HAD JONATHAN' S DEFENSE STATEMENT. PRISON AUTHORITY ACKNOWLEDGE THIS AND COURT ORDERED THAT IT BE PRESENTED TO BITAR PRIOR TO NEXT BATES HEARING. AT JUNE 3 BITAR- BATES MEETING, LETTER INSTRUCTED LAWYER TO POSTPONE NEXT HEARING IF BITAR NOT IN RECEIPT OF DEFENSE STATEMENT.

3. BITAR TOLD CARDILLI THAT HE CONVINCED CARDILLI' S RECENT APPROACH TO OMRAN (CHIEF OF CABINET) INSTRUCTING PRISON TO MAKE PRISON CONDITIONS AS PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE FOR BATES.

4. CARDILLI PLANS VISIT JONATHAN WITHIN NEXT WEEK TO TEN DAYS. HOUGHTON UNQUOTE RUSH

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